Symbols too may serve this function without our understanding why. A combination of lines or colors, for instance, can have varying effects. The effects can vary from person to person. That which brings peacefulness to one may bring confusion to another.

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It is ideas that cause evolution and revolution: ideas in their proper timing, phrasing, and setting. Since it is the nature of ideas to compel and challenge, it is the way of ideas to first effect change of mind.

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Considering people as existing somewhat in inert, latent, and active states—if we were to match up these states with aspects of or elements involved in nuclear fission, that is, atomic particles; and if we were to match these states up with what happens to cause nuclear fission, we might say that an idea under proper conditions can act upon a human to set off energy and activity in the same way that a neutron, when it bombards the atom, similarly releases an energy field.

The inert mind may be very much like the least volatile of elements. Even so, there is a tremendous force at the heart of its structure that makes it inert; but a reversal of that same energy force that makes it

inert, by coming into contact with the proper idea under the proper conditions, could cause a mighty explosion.

The more active mind may be very much like uranium, one of the most volatile of the elements, more easily setting off an explosion or releasing energy when struck by the neutron. And the more active mind obviously responds more readily when aptly struck by an idea.

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Ideas can be food for intellect, body, and spirit. Some are very palatable, some less. Some are very digestible, some less. As with food, so it is with ideas that we do not always eat what we need. The immediacy of desire often holds precedence until we come to acknowledge that bad ideas bring bad returns, until we develop the skill for recognizing the more useful ideas from the rather useless ones.

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An idea overstated is as useless as an idea oversimplified. For that reason, thinkers yearn to phrase their thoughts as pure crystals. While the thinker hopes for us to use his thoughts to see, the thinker also desires that we be able to see through the thoughts. Part